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Angus B. MacLean

Metro Transit Police Chief To Be Guest Speaker

by John Landgraf

It takes both hands to count up the number of separate police forces, each with its own jurisdiction, that we know in the District, and there are many, many more elsewhere in our area, in Maryland and in Virginia. But there is one non-Federal force that has authority to operate in all the Washington metropolitan area — on Metrorail and on Metro-buses. This is the Washington Metro Transit Police (MTP) under Chief Angus B. MacLean, with offices on the fifth floor of the Metro Building at 600 Fifth Street, downtown.



Chief MacLean is to be the speaker at the March 31 Foggy Bottom Association meeting, at 8:00 p.m. in St. Paul's Parish House, 2430 K Street. He will describe his unique organization, which began its planning for decorum and security in Washington area public transportation when the subway system was still on the drawing boards. Many of the features of the system are products of his research specifically designed for safe and secure travel. He now heads a force of some 242 sworn officers in a total staff of 262 who deal every day with bizarre and potentially violent situations to maintain the equable atmosphere most of us enjoy when we travel about the city on public facilities.

Trained to the standards of each of the major area political divisions and by the FBI, the MTP officers maintain a high over visibility on trains, buses, at stations and elsewhere, and a substantial covert presence to be ready for trouble if it comes. CCTV (Closed-Circuit TV) is also designed into each station and regularly monitored. A sophisticated communications system connects all operating units, even each bus, subway car and individual policeman for early response to needs for assistance by employees and patrons. Specifically too, the MTP is charged with providing necessary assistance to handicapped persons who travel.

Chief MacLean himself, who lives with his wife in Burke, Virginia,

D.C. Councilmember-at-large, Betty Ann Kane, was the guest speaker at the Foggy Bottom Association's regular monthly meeting on February 25. She gave a forthright and informative account of the political scene in the District of Columbia and of the many problems of city administration, complicated by ever increasing budgetary limitations.

Mrs. Kane commented in detail on issues of special concern to the residents of Foggy Bottom. Some of these are listed below:

D.C. Zoning Commission and Hotels: Mrs. Kane said that the District does need hotels and that they would provide employment opportunities for the city; however, she said she was committed to the position that hotels should not be built in areas that are in competition with residential zones. She emphasized her support for building hotels in the downtown area, particularly in the vicinity of the convention center being planned for the city.

Comprehensive Housing Plan: Mrs. Kane outlined legislation she had introduced last June to deal with complex issues of condominium conversions, preventions of displacements, tenant rights to purchase, and housing funding assistance programs. No action has been taken on the plan by the Committee on Housing and Economic Development as yet, but it would provide an orderly approach to resolving problems that have too often been dealt with on a piecemeal basis or by emergency legislation. The plan also presents a chance to develop workable permanent housing laws before rent control expires in September 1980.

"No-Fault" Auto Insurance: Mrs. Kane said she had also introduced legislation for compulsory liability and "no-fault" auto insurance bills. A total of four bills have been held and the legislation is moving forward. (Note: The Foggy Bottom Association passed a resolution supporting "no fault" legislation at its October 1979 monthly meeting. A copy of the resolution was sent to Councilmember John Wilson.)

Gambling: A referendum on legalizing gambling in the District of Columbia will be on the ballot of the May 6 Primary Election. Mrs. Kane said the law would not permit casinos or any heavy gambling in the District, but it would permit a lottery which could provide another source of revenue for the city for educa-

tional projects and other activities not funded by the city budget.

National Airport Noise and Pollution: Mrs. Kane promised to support a proposal of the Coalition of Airport Problems (CAP) which the FBA has joined, to limit air traffic and reduce noise and congestion at National Airport.

Workmen's Compensation Bill: Mayor Barry has before him a bill for changes in the District's compensation laws, Mrs. Kane said. However, these changes must be considered carefully because the escalating costs of workmen's compensation, the city found, has caused small businesses to move out of the District.

FBA members are invited to call Mrs. Kane or her assistant on Constituent Services Aid, Mrs. Linda Moody, at her office — 724-8174 — whenever they need assistance or information.

Councilmember Kane Reviews City Programs; Landgraf Named FBA President

By June Haley, Secretary

Report on Crime in the Foggy Bottom Area

Sgt. James R. Sloan, Supervisor of the Community Relations Division of the District of Columbia's Second District Police Office, informed the FBA members about several criminal incidents that had taken place in the neighborhood within the last month.

He offered advice on reporting crimes to the police and urged the FBA residents to always take the precaution of being certain that their garage doors in the apartment buildings had closed securely before driving on into the garage to park their cars, because aggressors frequently use this means to gain entry into apartment buildings.

Sgt. Sloan said that he had been a supervisor in the Foggy Bottom area for ten years. He left the members attending the meeting with the encouraging comment that they were living in one of the District's low-crime areas.

Airport Problems

Lawrence Phillips reviewed in detail the efforts being taken by the Coalition of Airport Problems (CAP) outlined in the February issue of the Foggy Bottom News. He called for volunteers to distribute petitions asking the Council of Governments (COG) to consider the position of the Foggy Bottom residents in any study or test for alternative flight path configurations that would be undertaken by the Federal Aviation Administration. The Secretary of Transportation, Neil Goldschmidt, will make a decision on the proposal after April 15. Mrs. Phillips reminded the members that the petition would not call for the closing of the airport, but for ways to reduce traffic and noise problems.

Whitehurst Freeway

A report on the city's proposals for the Whitehurst Freeway by John Nowick was carried in the February 1980 issue of the Foggy Bottom News.

After a brief review of the situation by Nowick, Barbara Furness, a member of the FBA and a resident at Potomac Overlook apartments, made the following motion concerning the freeway: "That this association (Foggy Bottom Association) go on record opposing the linking of the unused access ramps along 26th Street and other related changes proposed

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Transfer of the Gavel

The February FBA meeting had begun with former FBA President Alfred Cottrell presenting the presiding officer's gavel to Acting President John Landgraf. President Cottrell and Executive Board Member Mary Healy had resigned from their respective offices at the January 28 FBA meeting.

Both members had refused a request by the FBA Executive Board to reconsider their decisions, and as a result, the resignations of the two members were "regretfully" accepted by the FBA Executive Board at its meeting on February 13.

Vice President John Landgraf had earlier said that he would serve as Acting President until the June annual elections. However, Melvin Ogden, FBA Treasurer offered a motion that Mr. Landgraf succeed Alfred Cottrell to the office of President. The motion was passed unanimously and Mr. Landgraf agreed to serve as the FBA President.

Mr. Landgraf told the members that under the provisions of the FBA Bylaws, there was not adequate time to elect a new member to fill the Executive Board vacancy left with Mary Healy's resignation. Therefore, the Executive Board would continue to function with eleven members until the June elections.

Foggy Bottom Bulletin Board

Community Health Fair Scheduled For April 17

The George Washington University Medical Center will provide free health screening for community residents and workers at the Third Annual GW Health Fair on Thursday, April 17.

The Health Fair will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the GW Health Plan offices at 1229 25th St., N.W., and will offer health screening — preventive detection of such potential problems as high blood pressure, breast cancer and hearing loss — to all interested persons over the age of 18.

The Health Fair is designed to screen individuals for existing or potential medical problems to indicate to them whether they should consult a physician. It will not attempt to provide treatment for any medical problems. Rather, it is intended to alert individuals to any medical problems they might not be aware of. Last year at least one case of breast cancer was detected in its early stages at the Health Fair.

At this year's GW Health Fair, screening will be offered for such factors as blood pressure, hearing, vision, sickle cell anemia, breast examination, diabetes, cholesterol, kidney disease and thyroid disease. There will be a nominal charge for some optional blood tests.

Providing the health screening will be members of the Physician's Assistant and Nurse Practitioner programs at GW. The GW Health Fair is being held as part of the area-wide Health Fair Week sponsored by WRC-TV, WRC-AM, WKYS-FM and Peoples Drug Stores in conjunction with the National Health Screening Council.

All area residents and workers are encouraged to take advantage of this program. For more information call 676-3415.

Income Tax Help

George Washington University Law Students, trained by the IRS, are still offering free help to elderly and low income persons with Federal, D.C., Virginia and Maryland income tax returns. People qualifying for assistance may call the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) at 676-7463 for an appointment. Vita is located in the GWU Law School at 20th and H Streets, N.W. and is open Mondays through Saturdays during the day. To take advantage of this service, the people at VITA ask that you call for an appointment first. They can't take walk-ins. If you paid rent or property taxes for all twelve months of last year, you may be eligible for a refund, even if you did not earn any income, but you must file a return to get this money.

Stand Up And Be Counted

Sunday March 30th is Census Day and Mayor Barry is urging every man, woman and child to stand up and be

counted in this census. We stand to lose federal funds for much needed services and programs if there is an undercount of the district's population. The Census represents "You" in government, so please, when you get your form in the mail, complete and return it promptly. The data will affect the city's overall planning and community decisions on housing, programs for senior citizens, development of health facilities, schools and many more projects related to the numbers and characteristics (e.g., age, sex) of the population.

We have the assurance of President Carter that the Census will not be used for purposes of extradition of illegal aliens, nor will it affect the granting of working papers or visas for foreigners.

G Street Chorus

The United Church, at 20th and G Streets, is auditioning through March 30 for a new community chorus and orchestra, which will be separate from its religious choir. Director Steve Dunn, who was hired to develop the church as a community music and arts center, is auditioning instrumentalists and vocalists on Saturday, March 30, between 9:30 and 11 a.m. Spring concerts are to include works of Bach, Handel, Mozart, Vaughan Williams, Thompson and Faure. For an appointment, call Steve at: 275-1490 or 920-5371

Yard Sale

A spring yard sale and bazaar will be held Saturday, April 19 from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. at 21st and F Streets NW.

The sale will benefit the Letterman House Tenants Association, which is fighting for its right to buy the building.

Articles will include baked goods, records and books, arts and crafts, furniture, household items, costume jewelry and Green Thumb plants.

Ascension Poetry Reading at M. L. King Library

"ASCENSION 49", a poetry reading by Calvin Forbes and Gloria Hull, will be held at the Martin Luther King Memorial Library, 901 G Street, N.W., on Monday, March 31, at 7:30 PM, in Meeting Room A-5. The program is presented by the Library for the Arts Center and the Language and Literature Division of the District of Columbia Public Library.

Calvin Forbes teaches English at Howard University. His first book of poetry, *Blue Monday*, was published by Wesleyan University Press, and his second book of poetry was published in 1979.

Gloria Hull, poet and critic, is Associate Professor of English at the University of Delaware.

All Library activities are open to the public free of charge. There is free parking in the Library's underground

garage, and the Metro Center and Gallery Place stations are less than a block from the Library's entrance.

Friedheim Award

Applications are now being accepted for the third annual Kennedy Center-Friedheim Awards, which this year are for meritorious musical composition in orchestral music by American composers.

As in the past, the Kennedy Center-Friedheim Awards are presented for excellence in orchestral composition during even-numbered years, and for instrumental chamber music during odd-numbered years. *Anyone, including the composer, may make a nomination.*

Five compositions will be selected for performance at the Kennedy Center's Concert Hall in September. Two of these will receive honorable mention, while the three top winners will receive awards of \$500, \$2,000, and, for the first prize, \$5,000.

RULES AND PROCEDURES

- 1) Anyone, including the composer, may make a nomination.
- 2) To qualify for the Awards, the orchestral work must be at least 15 minutes in duration and have received its American premier between July 1, 1979 and June 30, 1980.
- 3) To be considered, entries must be received by the Secretary of the Kennedy Center Friedheim Awards, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, D.C. 20566, on or before July 15, 1980. The following should accompany the nomination form:

- a) A printed copy or manuscript score of nominated work, and
- b) A recording of the nominated work

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At What Age Does Learning Cease?

Several months ago the Foggy Bottom News printed a column announcing an offer by The George Washington University to our area's older citizens who would like to participate in classes for continuing education. The hours specified were evening.

I read the invitation with wry amusement having just weeks before been refused admission to a two-year daytime program because of my age. No, the contradictory letters of refusal were not so honest as to list my age as the cause. They explained vaguely: "We have to choose those we

feel can make it." (I had already "made it" years ago and have been working in that same field steadily for 25 years; — many of those years at GWU Hospital. The classes would be a great deal of review.)

My personal interviewer, however, was not so subtle. The blue jeaned interrogator who was experiencing her first employment informed me: We don't have time to teach you how to study again. Our methods of teaching are altogether different from when you went to school. We prefer those with two years of recent college.

It would seem, then, that the very civic minded offer from GWU prefers to keep the older student cubbyholed to the evening

hours but not interfere with regular school hours.

Fury and indignation drove me to every branch of city and Federal Government.

The purpose of this article is to inform others, like myself, who are forced to delay further education until they are "older" of the following: — As of July 1, 1980, HEW has submitted the newly written code against age discrimination in schools of higher education. Too late for me to take legal action; yet others may be assured that with proof of sincere educational endeavor, a federally funded university can lose those funds if age discrimination is the issue.

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Aging Is a Women's Issue

The secret about old age in America is that it is predominately a women's issue. Women over 65 are the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population; by the year 2035, older women will outnumber men by 11 million (33.4 million women vs. 22.4 million men).

That was the message Pulitzer prize-winning National Institute on Aging Director Robert N. Butler and psychotherapist Myrna Lewis delivered recently at a luncheon sponsored by George Washington University's Women's Studies Program and Policy Center. It marked their alliance with the Congresswomen's Caucus for conducting policy-oriented research this year on the economic status of older women.

"Aging is one of the critical issues politically and morally of the next 20 to 40 years," said Butler, author of "Why Survive? Being Old in America." And women make up the largest share of the aging population. Today, life expectancy for women is 74 and for men, 67.

This presents some unique problems for women — mostly financial. For example, according to Lewis, of the five million older women who live alone, half have an income of \$6,000 per year or less. Black women who are elderly and live alone have a median income of \$2,000 per year. "Think of what inflation is doing to these people," she said.

Lower salaries for women (on the average, women now earn 57 percent of men's wages, according to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission), resultant lower benefits, a social security system that is still biased against women, and non-existent pension plans combine to produce a portrait of a bereft older woman. "And this year, 45 percent of women between the ages of 53 and 64 are in the work force," said Lewis.

In addition, family funds set aside for old age can frequently be depleted in caring for the husband. Lewis recounted the "desperation maneuver" of some elderly couples who divorce and continue living together so the ailing man can receive medicaid and their family savings can remain intact for the woman's health care later.

How do older women live? One third of women over 65 live alone, compared to 15 percent of men.

By age 75, nearly 70 percent of women are widows. "The average woman who marries a man two to three years older than she — presuming the marriage remains intact until death — can expect about 10 years of widowhood," said Lewis.

Eighty percent of nursing home residents are women. Not necessarily because they've been abandoned, says Lewis, but because 50 percent of persons in nursing homes have no family members still alive. Women enter these institutions because they are economically impoverished, have no support system and are ironically doomed by longer life expectancy.

"I don't know of any other nation in the world that has commercialization of the care of older people," said Butler, adding that by 2020 we will be spending 44 billion 1980 dollars per year on nursing homes.

The reason for this is that by 2020, one fifth of the population will be over 65. "We're talking about our future selves," said Butler, calling on the 1981 White House Conference on Aging to address "some new forms of social and economic health policies that will make a difference for older people."

Butler, a former teacher at George Washington University's School of Medicine, admonished the medical profession to show more interest in geriatric medicine. "We have incorporated a program with the National Institute on Aging to see that medical schools undertake some fundamental reforms," he said. "Students in medical schools are not being trained for their own future medical careers." He cited the fact that only one medical school in the U.S. routinely rotates its students through a nursing home.

Lewis agreed that there must be a comprehensive health-care system that takes into account the long-term care older women need. "There must be an assurance of support and assistance when a woman can no longer be independent. When these very basic necessities of life are met, we can count on women to solve some of the other problems," she said. She asked the audience full of women not to despair. "We would do well to think of ways to turn the situation to the advantage of all women and society," she said.

Happy Anniversary

A special 40th Anniversary Celebration will highlight American Ballet Theatre's three-week season in Kennedy Center's Opera House April 1-20. The gala program Wednesday, April 9, will present performances by stars of the Company: Natalia Makarova, Martine van Hamel, Patrick Bissell, Fernando Bujones, Anthony Dowell, and Alexander Godunov — making his first Washington appearances. Featured will be a performance by Anthony Dowell and John Curry in *Top Hat and Tails*, created especially for them. Proceeds from the event will help match the National Endowment for the Arts Challenge Grant to ABT.

Repertory for the remainder of the three week engagement will focus on the range and diversity for which the Company has been acclaimed and will present performances of four of the Company's full-length classics and nine other repertory favorites.

Opening night, Tuesday, April 1, will bring the Washington premiere of Daniel Levans' new work *Concert Waltzes*. Mr. Levans, formerly a Principal Dancer with the Company, has set his work to Concert Waltzes Nos. 1 and 2 of Alexander Glazunov. Costumes are by Stanley Simons. The ballet will be repeated Saturday, April 5, both matinee and evening. Anthony Tudor's *Jardin Aux Lilas*, choreographed to Chausson's "Poeme" is also on the program. The Tudor masterpiece was created in 1936 for Ballet Rambert and mounted for ABT in the Company's first season, 1940.

The only performance of Jerome Robbins' *Other Dances* is scheduled for opening night. Set to piano music by Chopin, the ballet has costumes by Santo Loquasto and lighting by Nannette Porcher. George Balanchine's neo-classic masterpiece *Theme and Variations*, to music from Tchaikovsky's "Suite No. 3 for Orchestra," completes the program.

Wednesday, April 2, is another repertory evening, presenting the Washington revival of Mr. Robbins' *Interplay*, mounted for the Company in 1945. The music is Morton Gould's "American Concertette," with scenery by Oliver Smith and costumes by Irene Sharaff. Tudor's *Dark Elegies*, set to Mahler's "Kindertotenlieder," Eugene Loring's American classic *Billy the Kid* to the Copland score, and a still-to-be-announced pas de deux complete this program.

Swan Lake will have performances during the first week. The production was staged by David Blair, who also staged *Giselle*, to be given three performances during the run. The romantic comedy *Coppelia* will have three performances and Mikhail Baryshnikov's *Don Quixote (Kitri's Wedding)*, which had its world premiere at Kennedy Center in 1978, will be danced six times in the final week. *Fancy Free*, Jerome Robbins' first ballet and *Rodeo*, choreographed by Agnes de Mille, complete the repertory.

The ABT roster of Principal Dancers for the Washington engagement includes Patricia Bissell, Fernando Bujones, Anthony Dowell, Alexander Godunov, Natalia Makarova, Kevin McKenzie, John Meehan, Alexander Minz, Kirk Peterson, and Marianna Tcherkassky.



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FORUM ON ZONING ISSUES

Summary of the International Monetary Fund Case

by Steve Levy

By way of introduction, the International Monetary Fund has requested permission from the Zoning Commission to construct a building of approximately twice the size allowed by the Zoning Regulations. The ANC opposed the application in line with the policy of trying to prevent reduction of residentially zoned land and increases in density of office buildings.

Rezoning of residential land to commercial (as requested for a portion of the IMF site) invariably brings offices one step closer to Foggy Bottom residents. This factor plus the increases in density are cited by the next developer as justification for rezoning the next block, and so forth.

In the first three hearings, the ANC cross-examined the IMF and its witnesses (and Jim Gibson, who supports the IMF proposal) and presented along with the Foggy Bottom Association, comprehensive testimony and analyses on the extent of the zoning "giveaway" requested by the IMF.

In the last hearing, the ANC made the following presentation. (A Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 7.0 represents 50 percent cutback and 7.3 represents 25 percent.)

The IMF has made no reasonable effort to design a building to meet a 7.0 or 7.3 FAR.

They are only offering "straw man" cutbacks from their original plan, to falsely demonstrate infeasibility, citing increased cost compared to a building they would not be allowed to construct under the Zoning Regulations.

The only valid public benefits, which the ANC still feels are insubstantial, are the reading room and park. They do not fully justify a 7.0 FAR, as they benefit only limited segments of the public rather than the neighborhood at large and do not measure up to the standards set in previous PUD approvals in C-3-B districts.

As authorized by the full ANC, its representative presented schematic plans for an alternative development which could be constructed having an FAR of 7.05. The alternative:

- Has the appearance of being detached office tower while still providing physical connections via the ground floor and sub-surface levels.

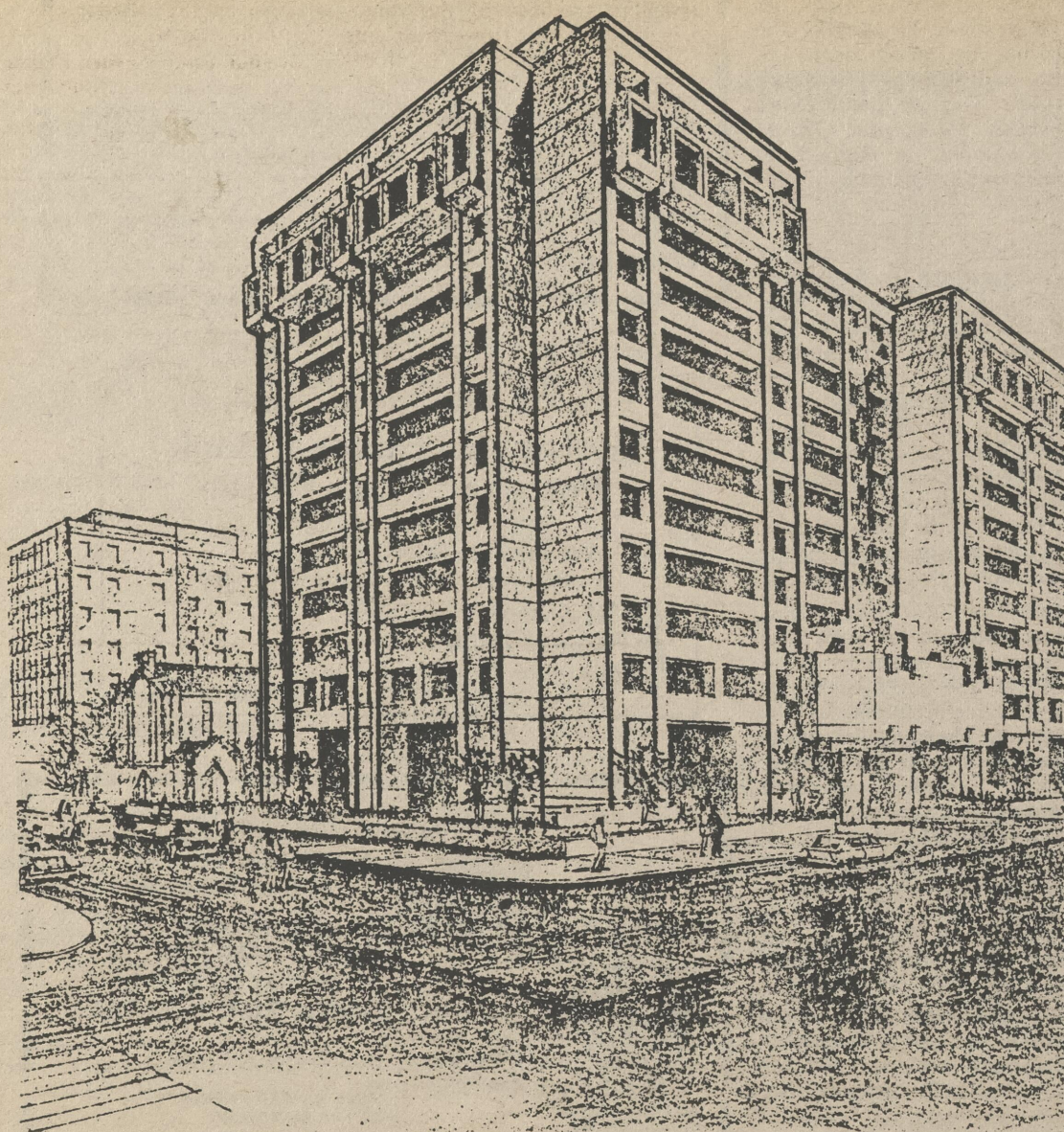
- As a medium height (90 ft.) structure, has the effect of blending with the surrounding buildings better than a 130 ft. one.

- Has less visual impact on the Western Presbyterian Church when viewed from beyond 19th or beyond 20th streets, and roughly equivalent impact from close by.

- Offers space for offices of 260 people, using the 230 net square foot criterion set by IMF and an efficiency factor of 75%. The 75% factor was chosen to provide a deluxe treatment, as 85% efficiency was the factor cited by the IMF as being used in a typical office structure. If 85% were used, occupancy would be 298 people. Extrapolating the IMF's own low staffing assumption, 260 person capacity will satisfy IMF needs until May 1987. 298 person capacity would last until nearly May 1989. Either of these courses would provide space for the five year minimum requested by the applicant.

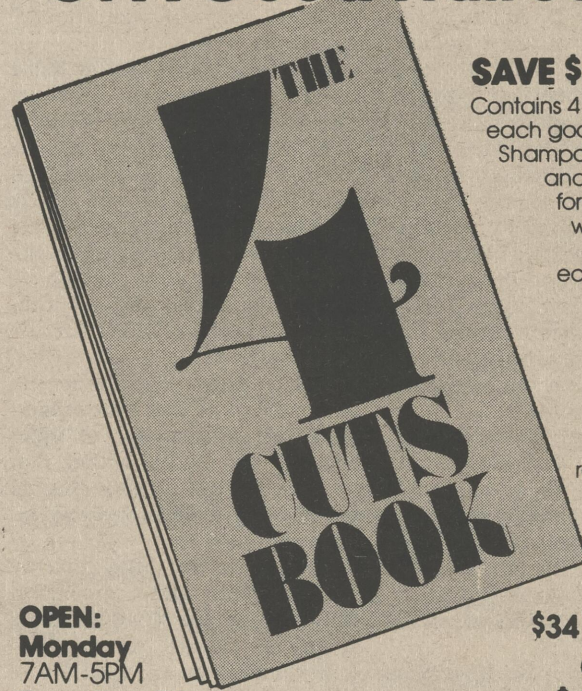
- Moves a meeting hall of precisely the same dimensions as the windowless one proposed by the IMF to the sub-surface levels, along with auxiliary con-

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View of IMF proposal from Northwest.

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Hotel, IMF Zoning Cases

The future of hotel development in Foggy Bottom and the International Monetary Fund's bid to expand onto residentially zoned land still hand in doubt as of the time this issue went to press.

The D.C. Zoning Commission failed to reach a decision on either of these cases — both contested by the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) — at its session of February 14.

Discussion of both cases was rescheduled for March 20, the Zoning Commission citing the complexity of the hotel issue and the need for more information on the IMF case. Either case could be delayed further if no decision is taken at that time.

On the hotel case, the Zoning Commission reviewed proposals to regulate hotel development in residential and mixed-use zone districts. Since Foggy Bottom contains both kinds of districts, any action taken by the commission could protect — or potentially displace — hundreds of neighborhood residents. The commissioners seemed to differ on several key proposals put forth by D.C. planning chief Jim Gibson, including proposals designed to protect residents in mixed-use zones. Following the meeting, the ANC on March 4 called on the Zoning Commission to extend the existing moratorium on hotels in

residential zones beyond its April 1 expiration date if no final decision on the hotel case is reached by that time. When a final decision is reached, the Foggy Bottom news will carry an article explaining its precise impact on the neighborhood and what Foggy Bottom residents can do about it.

On the IMF case, the Zoning Commission — after appearing close to ordering a 50 percent cut in the size of the proposed building — reopened the hearing to ask for testimony on the type of building which could be constructed with a 50 percent or 25 percent cutback. The commission also asked the IMF for new documentation to show what benefits to the public justify a larger building. The ANC provided further testimony on February 28, showing how it was feasible to construct an attractive smaller building. A short article on the ANC testimony appears elsewhere on this page.

ANC representatives will discuss the outcome of the March 20 Zoning Commission meeting on the hotel and IMF cases at the upcoming Foggy Bottom Association meeting at St. Paul's Church on March 31, and at the next ANC meeting, to be held April 1 at the Red Cross Building, 2025 E Street. Both meetings start at 8 p.m.

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ference facilities, office and office support space and storage.

- Offers substantial landscaped space on the roof of the one-story section between the two towers for the benefit and use of the employees.
- Offers the snack bar, loading dock and supplemental garage entrance required by the IMF.
- Assumes the continued presence of the public reading room and park on the northeast corner of the square.

Elsewhere on this page are illustrations of how the building will appear to the pedestrian.

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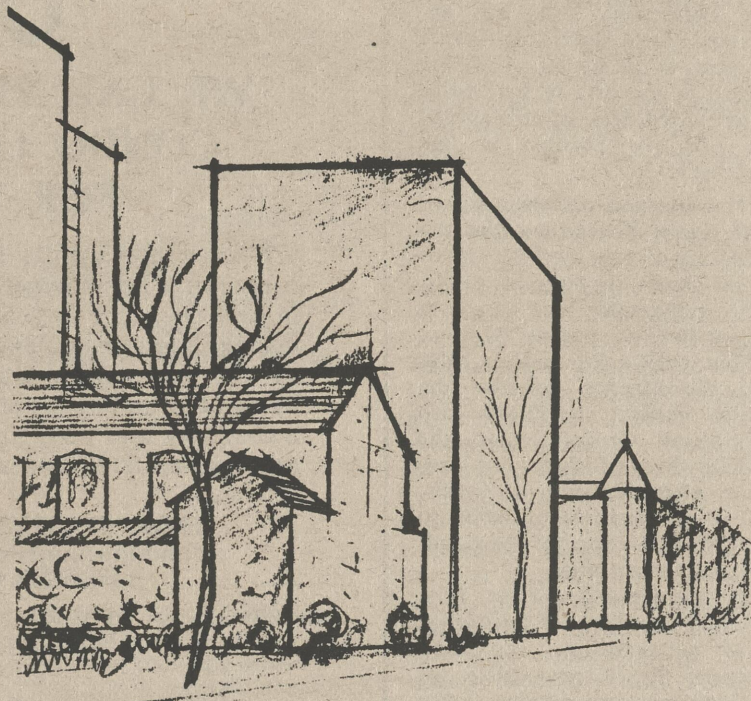
With neighbors like this. . .

by Richard Churchill

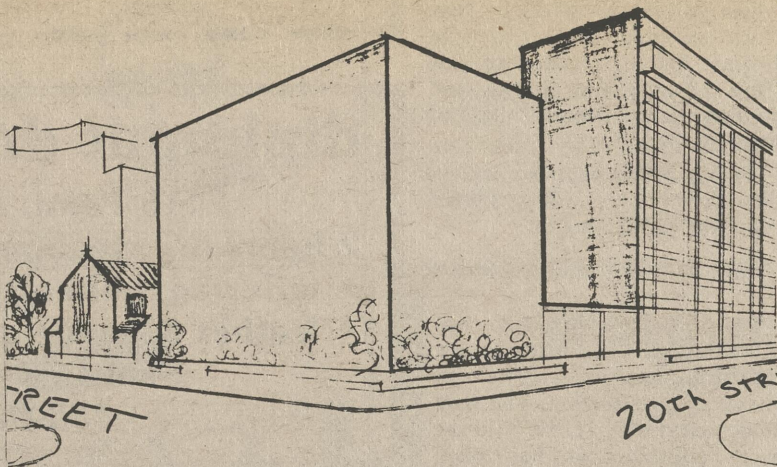
Perhaps the former ANC chairman Hal Davitt said it best: "Unfortunately there aren't any monsters, no bad guys in this case." He was referring to the dilemma and concern which the International Monetary Fund has caused our Advisory Neighborhood Commission for the past few months the IMF has attempted to build an addition to their offices on the block bordered by 19th and 20th Streets and G and H Streets.

The dilemma is the opposing of this addition and thus the opposing of an institution known for its aid to developing nations. Our ANC has consistently followed a policy of opposing any development which rezones residential land for commercial use. Furthermore, our ANC opposes buildings which significantly exceed the legal limits of height and size. This is the cornerstone of our ANC commitment of preserving the neighborhood integrity of Foggy Bottom.

The IMF is not without legal and just claim. As they have argued before the Zoning Commission, they were invited by the Federal Government to headquarter in Washington. There was a quasi-covenant between the government and the Fund which reserved the building rights on most of the block (where the IMF now stands) for the IMF. It is not their fault that the land in question (now a parking lot owned by the IMF) was once an apartment building. The IMF has stated it needs a larger than legal building to satisfy its growth needs in the 1980's. Also, such a structure



View of possible IMF addition (ANC proposal) from 19th & H looking toward 20th Street.



View of possible IMF addition (ANC proposal) looking from northwest.

would be cost efficient and would add to its image in the international community.

At a glance the ANC may seem unreasonable in trying to thwart the efforts of the IMF. The Fund adds prestige to Washington as well as money to the D.C. coffers. Our ANC has spent more than one sleepless night trying to find a common ground that would benefit both parties. However, the IMF has consistently maintained an aloof and uncompromising posture. Its spokesmen seem to think that because of who they are, they deserve something more than the law allows. Furthermore,

they seem to be telling (they never asked) us that what's good for the Fund is good for Foggy Bottom.

The spirit of compromise is the willingness of both sides to recognize the just rights of each other. I can understand the uncompromising nature of an ordinary developer, for he does not profess to want anything more than money. However, when an organization professes a social responsibility for 138 nations but not for its own neighborhood, I question its sincerity. It reminds me of the old saying, "I love humanity, it's the people I can't stand."

**Foggy Bottom Farmer**

William S. Lattin

With spring "bursting out all over", our horticultural appetites can lead to intoxication if not gluttony. As our mothers told us, our eyes are bigger than our stomachs. Urged on by seed catalog enticements we can be mesmerized into buying plants that are gardens or balcony containers that cannot properly be supported. Our expectations are then shattered, when sickly plantings result.

The only cure is preventive horticultural practice; look not with your eyes but rather look with the eyes of your garden or balcony's limitation.

Apartments with south-facing balconies, similar as they are to Arizona cliff dwellings, are wonderfully efficient as winter solar heat collectors, but in the summer can become a searing desert environment. Best there will be the draught resistant plants — the many Juniper evergreens, the broad leaved evergreen euonymus shrub, Yucca (a sort of sculpture) with its creamy white blossoms of every colors, geraniums (they will grow anywhere provided that they are well watered), and the willow provided it too is well watered. And every South facing balcony needs a water tank (plastic trash container) and hose with which to fill it.

Westerly balcony exposures, faced as they are most directly into the sun's most intense afternoon heating, have limitations similar to those of the south-facing balcony. However, plants preferring morning shade (Morning glories, etc.) are adaptable there, as are roses in proper containers (a container, within a con-

tainer with insulation in between); roses like a cool root area.

On north and east balconies there are few limitations — especially if they are well above the ground where there is much light at all hours of the day.

On the north and east-facing balconies that we've known, there was great success with evergreen trees and shrubs, flowering trees and shrubs, roses, morning glories, marigolds, geranium, flowering tobacco, everlasting, Japanese red ample, chrysanthemums, and the beautiful flowering clematis vine.

Of course, spring or summer-flowering bulbs may be grown anywhere provided there is ample soil well fortified with nutrients, e.g., an eighteen inch wooden tub filled with potting soil.

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An Evening With Nora

By Maureen Mosher

I have had the pleasure of dining twice at one of the most charming restaurants in the Washington area, Nora's at 2109 R St. N.W. Nora's is one of those rare place where atmosphere, quality, selection of dishes, and service are all equally excellent. Nora's is housed in an old brownstone complete with a victorian style lamp outside the front entrance. On entering, the bar and cocktail lounge area is the first area one encounters and if there is any wait for a dining table, one can comfortably sip a drink at the bar until a table is available.

A friend of mine and I went to Nora's at a late hour (9 p.m.) on a weekday night without a reservation. Although there was a wait, the time passed quickly as we sipped scotch at the bar, confident that the hostess would call us for a table. Half-way through our scotches, our hostess quietly told us a table was available (no loud speaker!) and escorted us up a half flight of stairs to the dining area. We were greeted by a moderate-sized white room lined with several tables, each bedecked with either red, yellow, blue or orange, gingham tableclothes. A six-foot lemon tree (yes, alive) centered under a skylight, dominated the room. The walls were lined with large close-up photographs of plump fresh vegetables and fruit and glistening dew-drenched flowers. Track lighting illuminated the photographs without disturbing the soft lighting.

Each table held a vase with fresh cut yellow daisies and a round glass goblet containing a candle. On making my usual excursion to the restroom, I discovered that this delightful atmosphere extended to the ladies room as well. A large close up photo of a red flower, its pistils and stamens clearly visible, hung over the commode, contrasting

sharply with the white walls and ceiling. The sink was graced with a vase of fresh-cut red flowers which cast a rosy hue in the mirror and the wall beyond.

The menu, although a bit expensive, offers an unusual and delicious fare. Appetizers, ranging from \$.50 to \$2.75, include such items as scollops in lemon juice and artichoke hearts. Among the entrees, I have had the rockfish with lime butter and chicken with curry sauce. Both these dishes had a subtle and unique flavor, due to the chef's use of unusual combinations of spices. Other entrees include lamb, veal, pork and beef dishes ranging in price from \$5.50 to 8.95. One item that jumped out at me begging to be ordered on my next visit, was the poached bluefish with a choice of either sauce or cucumber dill sauce.

My rockfish plate included a side dish of steamed green beans lightly seasoned with (I believe) rosemary. Aside from the unusual seasoning, I knew there was something extraordinary about these green beans. They were *crisp!* No soggy flaccid green things, oozing out the last of their vitamin life-force. Miniature boiled potatoes, the size of ping pong balls, also kept my rockfish company. These potatoes, still encased in their skins, looked identical to their larger counterpart from Idaho. In taste, however, these small potatoes were superior; much sweeter and more tender.

A large selection of wines (the wine menu is twice the size of the food menu) is available as is a large selection of non-alcoholic beverages including such items as fresh-squeezed lemonade.

By the time one orders a cocktail, a main course, a dessert, and coffee, the bill comes to around \$20 including tax and tip. Although a bit of a "dear" experience, Nora's is a well worthwhile one.

Washington Cathedral Exhibition Opened March 25 at the Octagon

Original and current photographs, and early drawings, blueprints and artifacts documenting the various construction stages of Washington Cathedral are on view from now until May 4 at The Octagon, 1799 New York Avenue, N.W. The exhibition is organized by The American Institute of Architects Foundation which owns and maintains the historic Octagon.

The exhibition, "An act of Optimism: Building the Washington Cathedral," is dedicated to the late Waldron Faulkner, FAIA, who served 30 years as an active member on many committees of the cathedral.

The theme of the exhibition is based on architect Le Corbusier's quotation that medieval cathedrals are "acts of Optimism" as only supreme faith could have inspired and sustained them, according to *For Thy Great Glory*, the book about Washington Cathedral by Richard T. Feller, the cathedral's Clerk of the Works.

The oldest known photograph of the cathedral — a 1909 image of the foundation of the

cathedral's Bethlehem Chapel — will be on display in the exhibition along with other original photographs detailing the construction process.

Also included will be current photographs of the cathedral by photographer Herbert E. Striner, Dean, the Kogod College of Business Administration, The American University. The photographs depict views of the cathedral and its environs rarely seen by the public.

Original tracings and blueprints of the structure will also be exhibited, as well as the cathedral's site plan, stone carver's tools, a stained glass window, and various artifacts. A 15-piece zinc template set demonstrates how some of the intricately cut stones were made for the cathedral. It will be accompanied by the original drawings for the completed stones, and the shop ticket instructing the stone cutters.

Washington Cathedral is the seat of the Episcopal diocese of Washington. Other Episcopal parishes and religious denominations, however, hold services at the cathedral each Sunday.

Kennedy Center Has New Artistic Director

Roger L. Stevens, Chairman of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, has appointed Marta Istomin as Artistic Director at the Center. A leading figure in the arts in her native Puerto Rico, Mrs. Istomin assumed her new position in late February.

Now married to renowned concert pianist Eugene Istomin, she was for seventeen years the wife of Pablo Casals, the late great cellist. During that time, she became a major force for the development of fine music in Puerto Rico, helping the Maestro establish the Casals Festival, the Puerto Rico Symphony Orchestra and the Conservatory of Music. For three years after the death of Casals, she was co-chairman of the Board and Music Director of the Casals Festival Organization.

At the Kennedy Center, Mrs. Istomin is in charge of performing arts programming, excluding theater. She is responsible for making recommendations to the Chairman and for obtaining the approval of the Chairman with respect to programs and projects in the area of the performing arts.

Development of theatrical presentations at the Center will continue directly under the Chairman.

An accomplished musician, Mrs. Istomin in recent years served as visiting cello professor at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. She first demonstrated her talents at the age of five as a violinist. Later, after taking up the cello, she won first prize in a Puerto Rico competition which led her to study in New York and with Pablo Casals in Europe. She is a graduate of New York's Marymount School and studied at the Mannes College of Music in New York.

The Istomins have a home in New York but also will establish a residence in Washington.

Built entirely from public contributions, gifts and bequests, the cathedral has undergone six phases of construction. The final phase ended May 31, 1977. In the past, construction has been disrupted by the depression of the '30s, lack of funds and World War II. No completion date has been established for the cathedral. Some work on the twin towers of the west facade (facing Wisconsin Avenue) has yet to be completed, as well as the interior and some exterior work on the Pilgrim Observation Gallery.

Following "An Act of Optimism" the Octagon will exhibit, from May 16 through July 27, "That Red Head Gal": Fashion Illustrations by Gordon Conway, 1916-1936. The exhibition will include drawings, illustrations, silhouettes, theatrical costumes and designs from the fashion archives of Miss Gordon Conway. Organized by the AIA Foundation and funded by Philip Morris Inc., this exhibition will travel to several other major American cities and Europe.

The Octagon is open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The museum is closed each Monday.

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Street Lights Opinion Survey

Your views are needed to help determine what kind of street lights we will have in Foggy Bottom.

The D.C. government has proposed replacing the old incandescent bulbs in the traditional street lights which line most of the residential streets in Foggy Bottom with brighter, more energy efficient mercury ones.

Some residents have voiced concern that the mercury lamps will be too bright; others are hopeful that they will make the streets safer.

At the request of the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC), the D.C. government has set up a mercury lamp test street in our neighborhood. It is located on Eye Street, between New Hampshire Avenue and 25th Street. The Street light fixtures are the same, only the bulbs — three of them — have been changed. The new lights are distinguishable from the incandescent lights by their whitish-blue glow, similar to that of fluorescent lights.

Please take a look at these lights, then fill out the form below and deliver it to any one of the representatives listed on it by April 20. The Foggy Bottom Association and the ANC will use the results of this survey in taking a position on the new mercury lamps.

I have seen the new mercury lights on Eye Street, between New Hampshire Avenue and 25th Street, and believe that: (check one)

_____ The mercury lamps are too bright, not in keeping with the character of the neighborhood, and should not be installed;

_____ The mercury lamps do not adversely affect the character of the neighborhood and I would not object to their being installed;

_____ The mercury lamps are an improvement over the incandescent lights and should be installed.

Comments: _____

Name: _____

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Clip this form and deliver it to any one of the following people by April 20:

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John Landgraf, 2423 Eye Street (mail slot)
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GW Notifies Tenants Red Lion Row

Planning for the 2000 Pennsylvania development in the 2000 block of Eye Street continues. The university is now notifying all the tenants in the block that the buildings need to be vacated within the next few months and is scheduling meetings with the tenants on the timetable for vacating the row.

"It will be about three years — the spring of 1983 — before we'll be able to see tenants occupy space in the buildings along the row," said Vice President and Treasurer Charles E. Diehl. "Because we're going to do exterior renovation and must undertake extensive interior improvements to make the buildings habitable for commercial tenants, it's not possible to have them occupied during that time."

University offices in the construction area will have to move out, too, on the same schedule as other tenants. Planners have begun looking for space for the occupants of Binney Hall (health care administration) and Building G (management science). An art department studio and offices in Building Q as well as Graphics and Printing and the Academic Editor's office there will also have to be relocated. Academic cluster completion and post-cluster remodeling will bring most university activities back on campus.

The only structure fronting on Eye Street now scheduled to come down will be the building housing the Foley electrical contracting offices at 2020 Eye Street. It dates from the 1940s and is not a landmark in the Historic District. The space created when that building is removed will become an entrance for the project and will lead ultimately to the University Yard.

Vacant land now in the row will be filled in by new structures which may be contemporarily designed, but compatible with the existing houses.



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Walk On The Safe Side

By Susan B. Wilgus

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1. Strap your purse over your shoulder and carry it tucked under your arm, close to your body. This makes it more difficult to snatch away. (Note If someone does approach to snatch your purse, hand it over. Definitely **do not** fight. There is nothing in there worth your life.)
2. Carry your money, credit cards and identification cards in a small wallet in your pocket instead of in your purse. If your purse is stolen you won't need to fight for it because you won't be losing anything of value.
3. **Don't walk alone.** walk on streets where there are other people. Don't take shortcuts down alleys or lonely streets.
4. If you ride a bus, know the schedule and plan to arrive at the bus stop just before the bus is due so you won't have long to wait.
5. If a car pulls up alongside you as you are walking and you fear being pulled inside,

reverse your direction and run against the flow of traffic. Cars can't turn around as easily as you can.

6. If you suspect someone is following you, cross the street. If the footsteps still follow you, run into a store, toward a bright light, and apartment building, or anywhere there are people.
7. At night, avoid walking in parks or other isolated and dimly lit areas where you would not be heard or seen if you screamed.
8. In buses, or other public transportation, try to sit as close to the driver as you can. Keep your purse and other valuables close to your person.
9. Do not enter or leave your car while people are standing around or close to it. Wait until they leave. When approaching your car, have your keys in your hand and ready to unlock your car as soon as you reach it.
10. If your car breaks down while you're driving at night, get out and lift up the hood, then get back in, locking all your doors. Leave the window open just enough to talk through, or to pass out change to someone who may be willing to call a tow truck or the police for you.
11. Carry an aerosol horn as a warning device. Let go with a blast and you will have everyone's attention. A loud whistle, such as a police whistle, also attracts attention, especially if it was known that that particular sound signified trouble.

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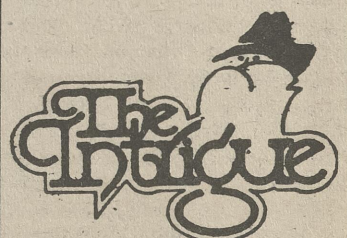
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On April 28 the featured speaker at the FBA meeting will be Steven Sher, Executive Director of the District of Columbia Zoning Commission, and on May 26 the FBA speaker will be Perry Fisher of the Columbia Historical Society.

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for this area by the D.C. Department of Transportation." The motion was passed and a copy of the resolution has been sent to the D.C. Department of Transportation.

Foggy Bottom News

President Landgraf spoke briefly on the logistics of delivering the Foggy Bottom News. He has been a willing volunteer for many years and is well aware of the work involved. Landgraf commended Eleanor Becker, FBA Executive Board member, for her many years of dedication and hard work in the production and the distribution of the paper and asked for volunteers to assist her and Editor Catharine Worth, who needs proof-readers and pasteup volunteers as well. Anyone willing to lend a helping hand should call Eleanor Becker at 337-5528; Catharine Worth at 337-4139; or John Landgraf at 333-2690.

Thirty-four people currently volunteer to assist in the production and distribution of the Foggy Bottom News, President Landgraf said, in announcing their names to express the appreciation of the FBA for their help.

They are: George Amato, Ceil Aptaker; Janet Axtell, Eleanor Becker, Mary Brewster, Elizabeth Biona, Robert Charles, Richard Churchill, Claire Ciftel, Marie Dolan, Mary Ann Evan, Howard Feldman, Karen Gordon, Kathy Haley, Mary Healy, Morella Hansen, John Landgraf, William Lattin, Steve Levy, Anne Lomas, Pamela Mack, Elizabeth May, Virginia Mulroy, Edna Muller, Robert Niemic, Johathan Nowick, Melving Ogden, Mark Plaisted, Inez Pulver, Virginia Randolph, Katherine Ribavdo, Leola M. Stahl, Catherine Stockes, Betty Valicenti.

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THE LOST HONOR OF
KATHARINA BLUM

Fri.-Sat., Apr. 11-12
THE LATE SHOW
SLEUTH

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A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS
THE LION IN WINTER

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